



What's New for Recycling in 2015?

Change is inevitable, and sometimes necessary, but it can also be positive.

We had to make a few changes to the list of materials we accept for recycling in carts and want to highlight them for you. Implementing these changes in your home supports efficient recycling for long-term sustainability of the program.



1. **Aerosol Cans & Chemicals.** We cannot accept aerosol cans or containers with chemicals. These are fire hazards and a safety risk for our workers. Empty aerosol cans may be put in the trash. Hazardous chemicals, including pool chemicals, should be disposed as household hazardous waste.



2. **Plastic Bags.** Plastic bags and film get caught in the sorting equipment, slowing the process. A more efficient way to recycle these is to return them to a grocery or retail store where they are collected for recycling separate from other materials.



3. **Glass.** Recycling glass is more challenging now than in the early days of curbside recycling programs. Glass is tough on sorting equipment and even small amounts of contamination are a problem for reuse, so we are asking for only clear glass from bottles and jars in the recycling carts. Do NOT recycle light bulbs, mirrors, window glass or ceramic items like mugs in your recycling cart as they all contaminate the recyclable glass. See Modern's FAQ's webpage for information about recycling compact fluorescent light bulbs and place the other items in the trash.



4. **Plastic #6.** Plastic containers with a six inside a triangle are made of the same type of plastic as Styrofoam. This material is not easy to recycle, especially as Styrofoam, which has been on the unacceptable items list since the beginning. Hard plastic items made of #6 plastic have been taken off the list to reduce the confusion with Styrofoam.



5. **Electronic Waste.** Beginning January 1, 2015, New York State bans consumers from disposing of covered electronic equipment in landfills or waste-to-energy facilities. Items such as TV's, computers, monitors, video games, etc. must be recycled because they contain small amounts of metals that are toxic if leaked into the environment but valuable when recovered. DO NOT recycle these in your recycling cart – they must be handled a different way. Electronic waste drop-off sites and events are available. Information is at Modern's FAQ's webpage and Facebook page, Rethinkyourwaste.com and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation at www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/66872.html



6. **Clothes.** Clothing and other textiles are NOT accepted in your recycling cart. However, when clothing and textiles are donated to an organization that accepts them, items will be sold for reuse as clothing or, if unsuitable for reuse, they will be recycled into rags or insulation. Information is at NYTextiles.org and Modern's FAQ's webpage and Facebook page.



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Recycling News



As we reflect back on the past year & make resolutions, we can resolve to make better waste & recycling choices too.

The United States generates more waste per person than any other country and over fifty percent more than we did fifty years ago. Thankfully, a greater portion of our waste can now be recycled, preserving resources and energy.

We can even turn plastic bottles into clothes and butter tubs into toothbrush handles! You can help by following the simple steps in this newsletter to ensure efficient collection of 'resources' in the waste from your home.

Single Stream Recycling is coming to Lockport! Simply put all acceptable items into your Recycling Cart and place at the curb for collection!

Nearly 40% of all household waste can be recycled. If the entire City reaches milestone recycling goals (400 tons per quarter), Modern will discount the City's total disposal bill AND provide revenue for every ton collected! Everybody wins! Beginning in 2012, Modern will provide a Recycling Rewards program that awards coupons and gifts for recycling!

RECYCLING COLLECTION

General Recycling Guidelines

Common materials such as cardboard, newspapers, glass and plastic can now be combined with gable top (milk/juice) cartons and rigid plastic (children's toys) for recycling! Single Stream Recycling does not require any sorting, just place all items in your recycling cart and wheel to the curb during your collection week!. Placing everything in one bin is convenient so that more people can and will participate, more taxpayer dollars are saved and more resources are conserved!

If additional recycling capacity is needed, you can set out neatly stacked cardboard, large rigid plastic items, and/or clear plastic bags of recyclables next to your recycling cart (no tag/sticker is required for extra recycling). To download a complete menu of acceptable recycling items, visit: www.curb sidelockport.com.

Recyclable Materials List

Paper



Paperboard
No wax coated paperboard



Office Paper & Junk Mail
Envelopes, flyers, brochures, postcards, etc.



Newspaper
Remove bags, strings & rubber bands



Phone Books
All types & sizes



Magazines & Catalogs
All types & sizes



Milk & Juice Cartons
Empty containers only



Cardboard, Pizza Boxes & Paper Bags
Flatten cardboard & cut into pieces. Remove wax paper from pizza boxes

Please Follow These Guidelines Carefully

*Please rinse/clean containers before putting into recycling cart

If additional recycling capacity is needed, set out clear plastic bags of recyclables next to your recycling cart

Unacceptable Items

- No Styrofoam containers/packing
- No Garbage
- No Propane tanks
- No Paint cans
- No Medical waste/syringes
- No Flammable liquids
- No Household cleaners
- No Chemicals (dry or liquid)
- No Wood items
- No Concrete
- No Garden hose
- No Electrical cords

Plastic



Household Plastic*
Empty containers only



Rigid Plastic*
Place large items next to Recycling containers



Plastic Bags*
Most retail & grocery bags



Plastic Jugs/Bottles*



Metal



Aluminum Cans*
Empty cans only



Kitchen Cookware
Metal pots, pans, tins & utensils

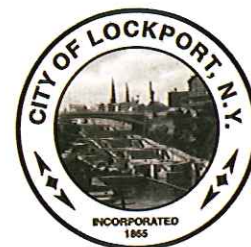


Steel & Tin Cans*
Empty cans only

Glass



Glass*
Clear & colored



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Recycling

What Can I Recycle?

No Sorting Necessary

Paper



Paperboard



Office Paper & Junk Mail
Envelopes, Flyers, Brochures, Postcards, etc.



Newspaper
Remove bags, strings & rubber bands



Phone Books
All types & sizes



Magazines & Catalogs
All types & sizes



Food & Beverage Containers
Empty containers only



Cardboard, Pizza Boxes & Paper Bags
Flatten cardboard & cut into pieces. Remove wax paper from pizza boxes

Unacceptable Items



No
Plastic Bags,
Plastic Film or
Plastic Wrap



No
Yard Waste
or Wood



No
Aerosol Cans
or Chemicals
Safety Hazard

Plastic



Plastic Jugs/Bottles/Household Plastic
Empty containers only



Rigid Plastic
Place large items next to
Recycling containers

Metal



Aluminum Cans
Empty cans only



Kitchen Cookware
Metal pots, pans, tins & utensils



Steel & Tin Cans
Empty cans only



Bottles & Jars
Empty & Clear Bottles & Jars Only

No
Batteries
Blow Up Pools
Chemicals (dry or liquid)
Clothing or Rags
Concrete
Dishes or Ceramics
Electrical Cords
Electronics
Flammable Liquids
Garbage or Trash
Garden Hoses
Items with Gasoline
(Lawn Equipment)
Grass
Household Cleaners
Light Bulbs
Medical Waste/Syringes
Paint Cans
Plastic Bags
Plastic Film or Plastic Wrap
Plate Glass or Mirrors
Pool Liners/Tarps/Covers
Propane Tanks
Styrofoam
Containers/Packing
Wood Items
Yard Waste

Please Follow These Guidelines Carefully

Cardboard must be broken down and if needed put next to your cart at no more than 4' pieces.

Please Help

Leave space around your carts and other objects to improve collection efficiency and help us serve you better.

Good Cart Placement



Keep Space Between
Cart & Other Objects

Poor Cart Placement



Objects & Carts Too
Close Together



Place Wheels of Carts
Toward House

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